

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (Original) A method of assembling a magnetic tape cartridge comprising the steps of:

providing an opening through which a magnetic tape is drawn out in part of a sidewall of a cartridge case across a lower half and an upper half of the cartridge case;

mounting a slide door that opens and closes the opening between guide portions each provided in the lower half and the upper half, while stressing the slide door with a spring member toward a position in which the opening is closed,

wherein the mounting step includes:

mounting the slide door stressed with the spring member toward the position in which the opening is closed by fitting a lower edge of the slide door into the guide portion of the lower half;

keeping a mounting position of the slide door by holding an end of the slide door facing a direction in which the slide door moves to close the opening with a chuck device; and

combining the upper half with the lower half.

Amendment under Ex Parte Quayle Practice
U.S. Application No. 10/676,978

Claim 3 (currently amended) ~~A~~The method of assembling a magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 2, wherein the end of the slide door facing the direction in which the slide door moves to close the opening is anchored with a stopper after the upper half is combined with the lower half, and the stopper is removed from the slide door after the slide door is released from the chuck device.

Claim 4 (currently amended) ~~A~~The method of assembling a magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 2, wherein each guide portion provided in the lower half and the upper half is comprised of any one of a guide groove, a rib provided between the slide door and upper and lower edges of the opening in the sidewall in such a manner as to slidably hold the slide door, and a plurality of projections.

Claims 5-8 (canceled)